

## Violations and Penalties

### *Remember, it's unlawful to:*

- *Park in accessible spaces for mobility impaired individuals without displaying your placard or plate. A conviction for this offense could result in fines, as outlined below:*
  - **First offense: \$200**
  - **Second offense: \$300**
  - **Third offense: \$500**
- *A person who legally obtains a placard or plate cannot use an accessible parking space when not transporting mobility impaired persons. A conviction of this offense could result in fines up to \$500 and/or the revocation of your mobility parking privileges, requiring you to surrender your placard or plate.*
- *Create or use a counterfeit copy of a mobility impaired parking placard or license plate.*
- *Alter a mobility impaired parking placard or plate.*
- *Make false statements about mobility in order to obtain or assist someone else in obtaining a mobility impaired parking placard or license plate.*
- *Lend your placard to another person.*
- *Forge a doctor's signature.*
- *Use another person's placard, if not mobility impaired.*

## Return Plates and Placards

Plates and/or placards need to be returned to the DMV if the following conditions occur:

1. *The person to whom the permit has been issued is deceased or has moved out of state.*
2. *The person has found or has in his/her possession a permit that was not issued to them.*
3. *The permit was reported lost or stolen and is later found after a duplicate has been issued.*

Special license plates should be surrendered to your local DMV regional office.



## Can we help you?

If you have a permanent or temporary impairment that limits your ability to walk, DMV can help you with mobility impaired parking placards and plates which allow you to use parking spaces accessible for mobility impaired individuals.

These plates and placards display the international symbol of access and are valid in all 50 states and many other countries. Institutions and organizations that provide transportation for mobility impaired persons may also apply for plates and placards. You may apply for plates and placards at your local DMV office.

Any vehicle transporting a mobility impaired person may park in areas designated as being accessible for persons with mobility impairments; however, their placard must be hung from the front windshield rearview mirror, or their vehicle must have a mobility impaired license plate.

You do not have to be a driver or own a vehicle to obtain a permit. Children who have a qualifying mobility impairment are also eligible for permits.

Source: WV Code: §17C-13-6

**Download applications  
DMV-41-TR for Individuals or  
DMV-41A-TR for Organizations  
at [www.dmv.wv.gov/forms](http://www.dmv.wv.gov/forms), or  
call our fully-staffed Call Center at  
1-800-642-9066 for assistance.**



## Mobility Impaired PLATE & PLACARD PROGRAM INFORMATION



**If you have a Mobility  
Impairment,  
West Virginia has parking  
Plates & Placards  
for you!**

## How to Apply for a Plate or Placard

The Applications are available at all DMV locations, State Police Detachments, and on the DMV website (www.dmv.wv.gov). The DMV will also mail you an application if you call the number listed on the back of this brochure.

1. *The application must be completed by a \*licensed physician when requesting a new or renewal of a mobility impaired placard or license plate. Applicants who submit an application for duplicate or replacement plates or placards are not required to have a \*licensed physician complete the paperwork. Under no circumstances will more than two permits or any combination of placards or plates be issued. Additionally, a plate may only be issued if the applicant is the registered owner of the vehicle.*
2. *The applicant must indicate at the top of the application whether he/she is requesting a placard or plate. The \*licensed physician certifies the applicant for a permanent (five year) or temporary (six month) plate or placard. Each customer must be recertified to renew a plate or placard. Mobility impaired license plates are not issued to individuals with a temporary permit.*
3. *Applicants requesting a license plate must provide all vehicle information, including: the license plate and title number, make, year, weight, and vehicle identification number. Please include a copy of the vehicle owner's personal property tax receipt, proof of insurance, and the correct registration fee.*
4. *The application must be certified by a \*licensed physician. The licensed physician must include their full name, address, signature, medical license number, and license expiration date. The doctor must determine that the applicant meets at least one of the six criteria established by the federal government. It is important that the entire medical section be completed for verification purposes.*

*\* Licensed Physician includes Chiropractor, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, and Physician Assistant. See WV law code §17C-13-6(a)(4).*

## The Medical Requirements

All applicants must receive certification by a \*licensed physician stating they meet at least one of the following six criteria:

1. *Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest.*
2. *Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device.*
3. *Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.*
4. *Uses portable oxygen.*
5. *Has a cardiac constitution to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards set by the American Heart Association.*
6. *Is severely limited in their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition. (Source: Federal Rule 23 CFR PART 1235)*

## Accessible Parking Privileges

Mobility impaired parking privileges are valid only when the vehicle displaying the placard or plate is being driven by or transporting the applicant with mobility impairment.

A mobility impaired person may obtain one or two parking permits. Below are options as outlined in WV law code §17C-13-6(a)(1):

- *One mobility impaired license plate and/or one placard, or*
- *Two placards, but NO mobility impaired license plates, or*
- *Two mobility impaired license plates and NO placards.*

## Proper Display

Placards must be displayed in clear view at all times when the vehicle is parked in a space designated for the mobility impaired. Display the placard on the front rearview mirror when the vehicle is parked. If there is no rearview mirror, the placard should be displayed on the dashboard clearly visible from the outside. For safety reasons, do not drive with the placard hanging in the windshield.



**Permanent Placards**  
are Blue and feature a "P" at the end of the ID number.



**Temporary Placards**  
are Red and feature a "T" at the end of the ID number.

## Keep the Identification Card With You

Law enforcement may request that you show your identification card. Always carry the identification card with you whenever using mobility impaired parking privileges which may be used in any vehicle the mobility impaired person is operating, or is a passenger.

## Some Reminders About Parking

The use of a plate or placard does not necessarily exempt you from state or local parking regulations or fees. The West Virginia mobility impaired placard or plate is valid in all 50 states for permissible parking. Local governments

designate parking spaces for persons with mobilities by local law or ordinance.

If you have a question about designated parking for the mobility impaired, contact the authorities responsible for maintaining the street or road in question. If you have a question about accessible parking at any facility with off street parking, contact the facility manager.

Non-mobility impaired drivers: if possible, please consider dropping off your mobility impaired passenger and utilizing regular parking in order to allow a mobility impaired driver to use the available parking. Please note, a mobility impaired person must exit the vehicle when parking in a mobility impaired parking space.

Certain spaces are purposely designated to be larger for the purposes of parking vans and wheelchair lifts. As a matter of courtesy, park in the reserved space that best accommodates the size of your vehicle.

## Rights and Privileges

Mobility impaired parking privileges allow you to park in any parking space designated for a mobility impaired person. Mobility impaired parking privileges do not allow you to stop, stand, or park in the following areas:

- *Where parking is prohibited.*
- *In spaces accessible for other special types of vehicles.*
- *Where it would clearly present a traffic hazard.*

